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SUBJECT: RESEARCH VESSEL THOMAS WASHINGTON

REF: (A) STATE 274845

(B) OCEANAV CRUISE PROSPECTUS, 29 JULY 74

(C) MANILA 12887, NOV 1973

1. ASSUME FROM REF A AND REF B THAT THOMAS WASHINGTON PASSING THROUGH PHILIPPINES EN ROUTE TO GUAM AND THAT IT WILL CONDUCT RESEARCH DURING PASSAGE.

2. AS EMBASSY NOTED IN REF C, GOP REGARDS SULU SEA AND OTHER PASSAGE AREAS THROUGH PHILIPPINES AS INTERNAL WATERS. MOREOVER, ALTHOUGH IT HAS TAKEN NO FORMAL POSITION ON CONDUCT OF MARINE RESEARCH, AND HAS NOT RATIFIED 1958 CONVENTION ON CONTINENTAL SHELF, PHILIPPINES FAVORS CONSENT REGIME.

3. IF THOMAS WASHINGTON PROPOSING CARRYOUT RESEARCH IN PHILIPPINES, THEREFORE, WE RECOMMEND REPEAT OF PROCEDURES OUTLINED REF C INCLUDING NOTIFICATION, OFFER TO BOARD SCIENTIST ON VESSEL, AND TO SHARE IN RESEARCH. NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE COUPLED WITH INVITATION HELPED SMOOTH PASSAGE LAST YEAR. HOWEVER, INVITATION TO BOARD SCIENTIST FAILED BECAUSE OF (A) SHORT NOTICE; (B) TRAVEL PROBLEMS;

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(C) INABILITY TO COMMUNICATE WITH VESSEL. ACTION REQUESTED:

ASSUMING RESEARCH VOYAGE, PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER DEPT CON-
CURS IN REPEAT LAST YEAR'S PROCEDURES. IF SO, EMBASSY
WOULD LIKE TO KNOW (A) DATES AND ROUTE OF PASSAGE; (B)
KINDS OF RESEARCH; (C) WHERE PHILIPPINE SCIENTIST COULD
BOARD AND DEBARK; (D) HOW TO COMMUNICATE WITH VESSEL.

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